

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
BROWNSTOWN CHARTER TOWN-
SHIP SUPERVISOR ANDREW
LINKO

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Supervisor Andrew Linko on the occasion of his retirement from the Charter Township of Brownstown, Michigan, where he has served as supervisor for over a decade. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Supervisor Linko began his journey of service as a Construction Electrician in the U.S. Naval Reserves, where he served from 1983 until 1993. A graduate of Youngstown State University, Wayne State University, and Baker College, he studied labor, leadership, electrical engineering, and health and human services. An active member of his community from a young age, he has served in various volunteer positions in local politics in Ohio. He was first elected to the position of City Councilman in Warren, Ohio, where he served as chair of the health and welfare committee.

Supervisor Linko came to find his new home in Brownstown Township when he moved to Michigan in 1996 to work for Ford Motor Company. He worked at Ford until his retirement in 2021. A devoted member of the United Auto Workers, he was a Trustee at UAW Local 387 where he was a leader among his union brothers and sisters and showed his commitment to our auto industry. His experience as a leader in the labor movement inspired him to run for office and show people how workers should be treated. Supervisor Linko started out serving the township on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He became treasurer of the Board of Trustees in 2008 and was appointed Township Supervisor in 2010. He was subsequently reelected in 2012, 2016, and 2020. During his tenure, he has been a champion for public safety. As supervisor, he oversaw the completion of a \$6 million recreation campus. His accomplishments include reducing the township's carbon footprint, welcoming hundreds of new residents, encouraging economic investment, and delivering new jobs for the people of the township. Under his leadership, Brownstown Township has become one of the fastest growing communities in Wayne County. Supervisor Linko is a member of the Woodhaven-Brownstown Rotary and resides in Brownstown Township with his wife, Linda. Together they have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Supervisor Andrew Linko. We are grateful for his years spent serving the citizens of Brownstown Charter Township. Andy is someone that I am proud to call a friend, and I have depended on him for advice, wisdom, and guidance for years. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

NASA ENHANCED USE LEASING
EXTENSION ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of support for the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH,
January 13, 2022.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of Friends of the Earth's millions of members and supporters, we write in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

Guaranteeing a strong and functioning democracy, including the right to vote, is critical to ensuring that our government can adequately address the many environmental challenges our country faces, from climate change to environmental justice.

The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

Nineteen states enacted 34 new laws that restrict access to the ballot box in 2021 alone and more are under consideration today. Candidates are running for top election offices peddling the Big Lie. States are passing racially-gerrymandered maps that dilute the power of Black and Brown voters. This legislation would fight back against all these attacks and ensure the ability for every American to participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections.

Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE CHAN,
*Vice President of Programs,
Friends of the Earth—United States.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 13, 2022.

Re: Vote Yes on HR 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The League of Women Voters of the United States writes in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act. This legislation is critical to the protection of our democracy. We must ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires cannot buy elections.

Our country remains in the middle of a desperate fight for voting rights. State legislatures around the country have introduced

hundreds of bills designed to create barriers and prevent Black, brown, indigenous, and other voters from casting their ballots. In 2021, nineteen states enacted 34 voter suppression laws, and we know more will go into effect in the months ahead.

Right now, redistricting processes across the country are underway. This is the first redistricting cycle without the full protections of the Voting Rights Act. Voters are not just at risk of losing their freedom to vote, but they stand to lose representation in the US Congress and in state legislatures. Critical legislation like the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act are urgently needed to override these voter suppression measures, prevent such laws from taking effect in the future, and protecting representation in communities across the country.

Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to cast your vote in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA KASE SOLOMON,
*CEO, League of
Women Voters of the
United States.*

NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN WOMEN'S FORUM,
January 13, 2022.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is proud to endorse the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, and strongly urges you to VOTE YES to support our access to the ballot. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are the fastest-growing populations in the nation, and our ability to make choices about issues that impact us is on the line.

NAPAWF is the only national, progressive, multi-issue, community organizing and policy advocacy organization for AAPI women and girls in the country. NAPAWF approaches our work through the reproductive justice framework, which is rooted in the human right to control our bodies, our sexuality, our gender, and our reproduction.

Core to NAPAWF's work is our commitment to building power with AAPI women and girls. Through our chapters in Arizona, Chicago, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New York City, St. Cloud, and Texas, we center our organizing on the AAPI women who are most impacted by the issues we work on, such as workers with low wages, first-generation immigrants, and people who speak English as a second language. Our base spans at least twenty different AAPI ethnic groups and is multigenerational.

This is why protecting voting rights is so crucial to us. Many of the issues we care about are intrinsically linked to the power of voting and NAPAWF is excited that the House is advancing this important issue. Our communities need support now, please vote YES.

If you have any questions, please contact Da Hae Kim, NAPAWF's Judicial Strategy and Legal Advocacy Manager.

Sincerely,

SUNG YEON CHOIMORROW,
Executive Director.

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